

Abstract of the Disclosure

An advanced digital audio encoding and/or decoding method and apparatus are provided. The digital audio encoding method involves (a) based on an input audio signal, generating a time-frequency band table; (b) based on the generated time-frequency band table, searching for a nearest neighbor block of a block being currently encoded, and generating information on the nearest neighbor block searched for; and (c) generating a bitstream containing the generated information on the nearest neighbor block.